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For: STOPPER INCORPORATING A COMPOSITION  
OF PREBLEND BASED ON BOLATILE CORROSION  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 15, 2003 that is due on June 15, 2003. A Petition for one-month extension and fee is attached.

Applicants elect, with traverse, for Component A (volatile corrosion inhibitor): alkali or alkaline earth metal salts of nitrous acid, which correspond to claim 8; and

For Component B (structuring agent): mineral wax (polyethylene), which corresponds to claims 5 and 7.

Respectfully submitted,  
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